

**Amendments In the Claims**

Please amend Claims 1, 12-14, 24 and 34 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
an application program comprising  
one or more business components,  
means for selecting a business component to be audited from the one or  
more business components,  
means for selecting one or more selected operations on the business  
component to be audited, and  
means for creating an audit trail for the application program, wherein  
a business component comprises one of a table or record  
comprising information associated with an entity.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the application program  
further comprises:  
means for detecting when the selected operations are performed.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the application program  
further comprises:  
means for generating an audit transaction record regarding the business  
component when the selected operations are detected.
4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the selected  
operations include at least one of: update, add, copy, and delete.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising means for  
restricting access to the audit trail by at least one of: an employee identifier, an  
employment position, and an area of responsibility.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising means for storing  
the audit transaction record in an external database.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising means for storing the audit transaction record in a file.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising means for importing the audit transaction record stored in the file to a database.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the audit transaction record includes at least one of: an identifier for the entity that accessed the business component, the operation that was performed on the business component, when the operation was performed, and how the value of at least a portion of the business component was changed.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising means for querying one or more of the audit transaction records.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising means for prompting the user to enter a comment when the selected operations are detected.

12. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the one or more business components further comprise one or more fields, and the apparatus further comprising:

means for selecting a selected field of the one or more fields to be audited; and  
means for generating an audit transaction record when one of the selected operations on ~~one of~~ the selected field[[s]] is detected.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising means for restoring the selected one or more of the field[[s]] to a previous state.

14. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:  
a processor; and  
a memory coupled to the processor and configured to store

a first set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to provide a business component ~~comprising one or more fields~~, wherein

the business component comprises one of a table or record comprising information associated with an entity, and the information comprises one or more fields,

a second set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to provide a user interface, wherein

the user interface is configured to allow selection of a selected field of the one or more fields and one or more selected operations to be audited on the selected field,

a third set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to detect when the selected operations are performed on the selected field, [[;]] and

a fourth set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to generate an audit transaction record regarding the selected field when the selected operations are detected.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the selected operations to be audited include at least one of: update, add, copy, and delete.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the second set of instructions are further configured to allow the user to restrict access to an audit trail by at least one of: an employee identifier, an employment position, and an area of responsibility.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the memory is further configured to store a fifth set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to store the audit transaction record in a database.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the memory is further configured to store a fifth set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to store the audit transaction record in a file.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the memory is further configured to store a sixth set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to import the audit transaction record stored in the file to a database.

20. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the audit transaction record includes at least one of: an identifier for the entity that accessed the field, the operation that was performed, when the operation was performed, and a previous value of the field, and a current value of the field.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the memory is further configured to store a fifth set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to allow the user to query one or more of the audit transaction records.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the memory is further configured to store a fifth set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to allow the user to restore one or more of the selected fields to a previous value.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the memory is further configured to store a fifth set of instructions, executable by the processor, configured to prompt the user to enter a description of the operation when the selected operations are detected.

24. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
auditing an application program wherein said auditing comprises creating an audit trail; and  
using the application program to perform audit trail functions comprising  
generating a list of business components included in the application  
program, wherein  
a business component of the list of business components  
comprises one of a table or record comprising  
information associated with an entity,[[;]]  
presenting the list of business components to a user, [[;]]

allowing the user to select a selected business component to be audited,  
[[;]]

presenting a list of operations that can be performed on the selected  
business component to the user, and [[;]]

allowing the user to select one or more selected operations to be audited  
for the selected business component.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the list of  
operations include at least one of: update, add, copy, and delete.

26. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising restricting access  
to the audit trail by at least one of: an employee identifier, an employment position, and  
an area of responsibility.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising:  
detecting when the selected operations are performed on the selected business  
component; and  
generating an audit transaction record when the selected operations are detected.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising storing the audit  
transaction record in a database.

29. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising storing the audit  
transaction record in a file.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, further comprising importing the audit  
transaction record stored in the file to a database.

31. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the audit transaction record  
includes at least one of: an identifier for the entity that accessed the business component,  
the operation that was performed on the business component, when the operation was  
performed, and how the value of at least a portion of the business component  
was changed.

32. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising querying one or more of the audit transaction records.

33. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising prompting the user to enter a description of the operation when the selected operations are detected.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 24, wherein the selected business component further comprises one or more fields, and the method further comprising:

selecting a selected field of the one or more the fields to be audited; and generating an audit transaction record when the selected operations on the selected field[[s]] are detected.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising restoring one or more of the selected fields to a previous value.

36. (Original) A computer program product comprising:  
instructions for implementing the method of claim 24.

37. (Original) A data signal comprising:  
instructions for implementing the method of claim 24.